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1959 ANNUAL REPORT

January 1 to December 31, 1959

President's Message

WAYNE A. JOHNSTON

With the completion of the 1959 Scouting record, Scouting's first half century has ended. Scouters in this Council, past and present, may well take pride and satisfaction in their contributions of time and money to the success of a program that has influenced the lives of over 68,000 boys in 1959. As the second half century opens, ours is the opportunity and challenge to reach an increasing number of boys with experiences that each will treasure and which will enrich their lives in terms of strength of character and useful citizenship.



Wayne Johnston

This report presents the accomplishments of over 17,200 adult volunteer leaders, hundreds of campaign workers and thousands of citizens of the community who have supported Scouting. It is you who have written this splendid record of accomplishment.

Your Executive Board during 1959 has continued to give direction to the program of Scouting in the Chicago Council not only in terms of the present, but in charting a course for future thousands of Scouts to have the thrill of camping and learning the ideals of Scouting in expanded and improved facilities.

To all of you who have had a part in establishing this great record of service may I extend the deepest appreciation of a grateful community.

Advancement Committee

LESLIE A. BRANDT, *Chairman*

Advancement is a quality point. It measures the extent to which a boy actually gets into the Scouting program. It is one of the main reasons a boy stays in the program. It is one of the main reasons the Council moved ahead at a steady pace ending the year with 14,464 advancements in Cub Scouting and 9,954 Boy Scout advancements. Although the new Explorer program has no Explorer advancement

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Leadership Training Committee

HAROLD E. BROOKS, *Chairman*

The measure of our training success during 1959 is that 9,867 adults received certificates for successful completion of training courses during the year.

A well informed leadership is necessary for the success of Scouting if effective and proper guidance of youth is to be attained. Second only to the selection of the right man for each responsibility is education in the purposes of Scouting, the methods through which these objectives are achieved, and the techniques of the individual job. Scouting's adult education program is specifically planned to meet the needs of each leader.

The Chicago Council can well be proud of the progress made in reaching leaders in every facet of the program which results in better quality program for the boys of this Council. We are proud to report that 74.6 percent of our top Unit leaders are basically trained in their respective positions in Cubbing, Scouting and Exploring. Chicago Council ranks 1st among the 20 largest metropolitan councils in America in per cent of Unit leaders with complete training.

Training opportunities conducted by the training teams in our 25 Districts during the year included: 250 Cub leaders' courses, 132 Boy Scout leaders' courses, 19 Explorer leaders' courses, 8 Instructor training courses, 2 Commissioner conferences, 3 summer camp staff training courses, 5 Troop committee courses, 3 District chairmen conferences, 54 junior leaders' training courses, 40 guided Experiences for Troop leaders council, 1 Wood Badge course, 12 Neighborhood Commissioner courses, 2 boat handling courses, 1 Cubmaster seminar, 30 Scoutmaster fellowships and 1 Organization and Extension course. A total of 563 courses were conducted with 13,317 Scouters participating.

The Scouters' Key was earned by 76 leaders. The Scouters' Award was presented to 89 men and 80 Den Mothers received the Den Mothers' Award. In addition, 57 Commissioners earned the Arrowhead Honor Award.

The Executive Board

GEORGE L. SEATON, *Chairman*

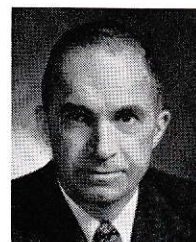
Chicago Council boys benefited from the character building, and citizenship training program of Scouting in 1959 because of the dedicated leadership of unselfish volunteers.

Your Chicago Council Executive Board, composed of representative outstanding citizens has diligently provided the leadership to which it has been elected by the citizenry and sponsoring institutions of our territory.

The interest of the boy and the unit have always been uppermost in the policy making and program decisions of this loyal group of men.

Working through Operating, Planning and Special Committees, your representatives have helped build another milestone in the proud record of growth and achievement of the Chicago Council.

The reports of these committees contained herein testify better than any words of mine to the devotion and accomplishments of your Executive Board and District Committees.



George Seaton

Valley View Training Center continues to excite enthusiastic interest in this new concept of training. The facilities have been expanded to accommodate Council and District training courses and conferences along with the Scoutmaster and Explorer Advisor fellowships. The Fifth Graduation Exercise was held on June 20, 1959.

The second Chicago Council Wood Badge Course was held at Valley View with exceptional success. Participating in this eight day "mountain-top" experience in Scouting were 32 Scouters.

All these training events have produced a tremendous impact upon the leaders of the Council by giving them added methods, skills and techniques which will help in giving better Scouting to more boys.



Between Us— By HAL RUSH

With this Annual Report for 1959 we close the book of history on a half century of service to boyhood in the Chicago Council.

Our past year was another year of destiny. Some of the measures of our effectiveness are recorded in the adjoining columns. But, the real results, the important pay-off for our labors in 1959, will come when the Scouts of 1959 put their Scout training into use as they reach manhood and become strong participating citizens of a great community and nation.

In behalf of these future citizens may I extend their appreciation to the dedicated leadership of our Council President, Wayne A. Johnston and Executive Board Chairman George L. Seaton and all who worked with them so effectively in their continued efforts in behalf of boyhood.

To all the leaders of our Packs, Troops, and Explorer units who give so unselfishly of their time and talents, to our partners in Scouting, the churches, synagogues, civic and fraternal organizations which lend such great support, and to the press, radio and television, to our Executive and office staff whose devotion and labor extends far beyond the requirements of the job, a great big Scout Salute for making this record possible.

The year ahead will bring challenging new opportunities. More boys will want to join the movement. There will be an important Camp Capital Campaign for expanded camping facilities to take care of our Scouts' camping needs now and in the years to come. Just as we have accomplished a great record in 1959 and during the past 50 years, we will continue to move forward because of our vital mission for the future of a greater Chicago Council and a greater America.

Council Exploring Committee

JOSEPH V. DAY, *Chairman*

Continuing its mission of providing interesting and worthwhile programs for members of the teen age phase of Scouting, the Exploring Committee is happy to report the following record of achievement: 3100 Explorers, their girls and guests attended the Annual Explorer Inspection and Ball in May.

6324 Explorers used the Council Pulling Boats during the summer at Diversey and 59th Street Harbors.

100 Explorers and leaders were in Philmont in July and August.

163 Explorers and leaders were on north woods canoe trips at Regions 7 and 10 Canoe Bases and private outfitters.

406 Explorers entered the Canoe Regatta in September.

636 Explorers and leaders attended the Maple Leaf Rendezvous at Camp Crete in October.

Our gratitude is extended to all those citizens who pledged and gave their help that the Chicago Council Explorers might make their pledge of citizenship.

Health and Safety

DR. JAMES P. FITZGIBBONS, M.D.,
Chairman

During 1959, the Health and Safety committee continued the activities launched during the 1958 National "Safety Good Turn" and added the Dr. H. W. Gentles First Aid Meet, the latter formerly conducted by the camping and activities committee.

An important public safety project was distribution of 600,000 safety folders at principal business intersections. This was done the Saturdays before holidays and was a factor in again lowering the death toll during Chicago's most serious traffic period.

Meeting place safety was stressed during the fall. A group of Scouters in the Fire Department supplemented the inspection form with specially prepared helps on Scout fire drills and a card to be hung in meeting places with key information on what to report and how to call for help in case of fire.

The year ended with two new sub-committees preparing safety projects: One for Explorer driver training and the other in council-wide Explorer emergency service.

Camping Committee

THOMAS M. THOMAS, *Chairman*

The most important aim of your Council Camping Committee is to provide camping opportunities for every Scout and Explorer that will educate them in character and citizenship. Our camping is not a recreational program. It is an educational program. To attract boys, it uses, in the process, a fun packed, high adventure camping experience.

In 1959—6,241 Scouts and leaders attended a long-term summer camp. 706 of them participated in the Philmont trip, Wilderness Canoe Trips, or made a camping tour to some historical point of interest. Owasippe and Kiwanis summer camps operated by the Council, had an attendance of over 5,200 Scouts and leaders. In addition to this, the new Medicine Drum Patrol Camp, for Scouts unable to attend under their own leadership, operated at Owasippe with an attendance of over 250 Scouts who ordinarily would not have been in camp in 1959.

Again, this year, the near-in-short-term camps were filled to capacity. The capacity use of weekend camping spots during the Fall, Winter, and Spring point up our need for expanded facilities. Camps Dearborn, Kiwanis, Harrison, and Crete had a use of over 75,000 in some 1700 weekend unit camps.

A continuous program of improvement to camping facilities was carried on in 1959 in each of the weekend camps.

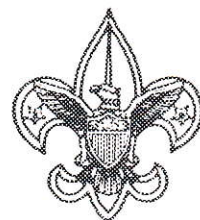
Looking ahead to 1960, the Council Camping Committee is preparing for another big year at the Council camps. Both Kiwanis and Owasippe are making plans for an increased attendance.

While we are making the best use of our present facilities, the Camp Development Committee is moving ahead with its plans for the new facilities so construction contracts can be let upon completion of the Camp Capital Campaign. The camp program for Chicago Scouts promises a bright future.

1959 District Chairmen

During 1959 our Districts were ably represented on the Executive Board by the following elected Chairmen:

ARROWHEAD—Samuel L. Seltzer, George Hay
AUSTIN—Dr. Harold M. Harris
BURR OAK—Arthur W. Koehler, Frank DiNovo
CALUMET—Samuel C. Maragos
CICERO—James Stephans, William McCandless
FOREST—Chancy C. Jerpe
FORT DEARBORN—Dr. Harold Korey, John W. Nelson
FRONTIER—Hon. Alfred J. Cilella, Carl E. Carlson
GREATER ROSELAND—William Remo
INDIAN BOUNDARY—Raymond L. Anderson
LAKE SHORE—Lionel Lindheimer
LINCOLN PARK—Cliff Cleavelin
MARQUETTE—William H. Ruhle, Bernard Czerwinski
MIDWEST—George M. Lathrop, Jr.
PATHFINDER—Darrel D. Drolsum
PIONEER TRAILS—Edward Wojnowski
PORTAGE—Robert Kinzig
SOUTH CENTRAL—Theodore Hawes
SOUTH SHORE—Fred W. German
SOUTHTOWN—John J. Tauss, William Postweiler
SOUTHWEST—William Collins
STOCKYARD—Joseph Bankowski
THUNDERBIRD—Ray F. Stuermer, Charles R. Strong
TRAILBLAZER—Israel Dordek
TRI-RIDGE—Harry Youngquist, Harold Dawson

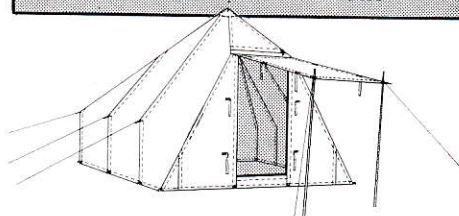


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Public Relations Committee

THOMAS P. MAHONEY, *Chairman*

Because the Chicago Council is grateful to the Community for its continuing and wide-spread support of the Scouting program, we feel deeply obligated to keep the public informed.

The on-going public relations program has, over the years, strived to create an acceptance and understanding of the purposes and activities of Scouting in the Chicago Council. This understanding is best manifested in the very gratifying public response to the many Scouting projects during the year.

Major campaigns during the year included the Council Finance Campaign, 1959 Scout Anniversary, Eagle Ceremonials and the Gang Show.

That all media were made readily adaptable to the promotion of the Scouting program is a tribute to the successful efforts of the individual members of the committee and the members of the community's press, radio, television, advertising and related industries. To them we are deeply grateful.

The National Camping area for Explorers is the 127,000 acre Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, New Mexico.

Commissioner's Report

SIDNEY WANZER, III, *Scout Commissioner*

The Commissioner takes the Chicago Council program to each Unit. He works with the Unit leaders and Committeemen to bring an effective program to an increasing number of boys. The Commissioners keep our Units alive and healthy. As part of the re-registration process of each Unit, they conduct Charter Reviews. Together with Unit personnel they take inventory of the strengths and weaknesses of the Unit program, leadership and number of boys being served. From this inventory, they establish unit goals for the next year to build more effective Units.

The Commissioner recognizes Unit Leaders who have re-registered the following number of boys on the charter application at re-registration time with a simulated jewel piece on a Scouter Universal Lapel Pin:

	Emerald	Ruby	Diamond
Pack	45 Boys	55 Boys	75 Boys
Troop	25 Boys	35 Boys	50 Boys
Explorer Unit	15 Boys	20 Boys	30 Boys

In addition to visits to Unit meetings and Committee meetings, our Commissioners conduct the monthly Roundtable meetings in each District. Here Unit personnel can receive and exchange good ideas on programing.

We are proud of our more than 404 men who serve as Neighborhood Commissioners, Assistant District Commissioners and District Commissioners. These men serve as a fine support on behalf of our boys.

The following were our District Commissioners in 1959:

Arrowhead.....	Edward Mokwa
Austin.....	Harold Paradise
Burr Oak.....	Alfred Wagner
Calumet.....	Jerry Frazin
Cicero.....	William Jordan
Forest.....	Dr. Floyd Woods
Fort Dearborn.....	Ernest Childs, Jr.
Frontier.....	Mitchell Szady
Greater Roseland.....	Robert Thompson
Indian Boundary.....	Richard J. Sanders
Lake Shore.....	Victor Yamakawa
Lincoln Park.....	Frank Manning
Marquette.....	Walter Barc, Jr.
Midwest.....	Irving Alenik
Pathfinder.....	Sheridan Nunn
Pioneer Trails.....	George Dodro
Portage.....	Arthur Vorman
South Central.....	F. E. Henderson, I
South Shore.....	Burton Peterson
Southtown.....	Arthur Brenke
Southwest.....	Carl Wilkinson
Stockyard.....	Carl Hallmann
Thunderbird.....	Harry Ploughman
Trailblazer.....	Herbert Cooper
Tri-Ridge.....	Bernard Halper

Organization and Extension Committee

VIRGIL GUNLOCK, *Chairman*

The Organization and Extension Committee is the sales force of Scouting which organizes new Packs, Troops and Explorer Units so more boys may have the opportunity to become Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers.

At the close of the year, we were currently serving a membership of 51,521 boys. During the entire year 76,424 boys were served by the Chicago Council and had the advantages of Scouting.

In addition, 17,212 adults have served as Volunteer Leaders. This gave us a current grand total of membership of 68,733

adults and boys at the close of the year and 100,958 boys and adults served in total during the year. Your Committee through the District Organization and Extension Committees brought 174 new units into the Scout family in 1959. We wish to express sincere appreciation to the adults who have had such a vital impact on these boys during the past year.

We salute our 824 Institutions which sponsor over 1,693 Units. It is through our partnership with our churches, P.T.A.'s, service clubs, veteran organizations and citizen groups that Scouting becomes a reality in the life of a boy.

Following is the 1959 record by Districts. Those indicated with a "star" are on the Honor List with a plus for the year in boys and Units:

1959 Unit and Membership Record

DISTRICT	CHAIRMEN	BOY	GAIN OR	TOTAL	GAIN OR	NEW
		MEMBERS	LOSS OVER	UNITS	LOSS	UNITS
		12-31-59	1958	12-31-59	OVER 1958	1959
★Arrowhead	John Schwank	2674	+ 15	80	+ 1	6
Austin	George Walz	1544	-165	47	0	2
★Burr Oak	John Grooms	1979	+ 74	52	+ 4	9
Calumet	Stanley Juracich	1672	-169	51	- 2	4
Cicero	William Drews	1304	- 87	44	- 3	0
★Forest	Rocco Milano	3410	+224	80	+10	13
★Fort Dearborn	Robert Ladewig	1065	+216	41	+11	17
★Frontier	Haig Chookaszian	1911	+ 11	64	+ 5	7
★Greater Roseland	Glenn Silver	2962	+103	115	+ 8	8
★Indian Boundary	Earl Ronneberg	3536	+ 15	99	+ 1	2
Lake Shore	Frank Marks	928	+103	45	- 1	6
★Lincoln Park	Raymond Guse	1308	+242	48	+10	14
Marquette	Joseph Hanus	1178	- 63	38	- 3	2
Midwest	George Boylan	1249	-252	40	- 4	5
Pathfinder	Joseph Makowski	2264	+ 19	79	0	7
Pioneer Trails	Ed Bielski	1320	-130	54	+ 4	6
Portage	Clarence Asbach	1854	-167	60	- 4	1
★South Central	Sylvester White	2876	+440	142	+14	25
★South Shore	William Smith	2038	+ 23	66	+ 1	6
Southtown	Carl Huck	1465	-109	49	0	3
★Southwest	Elias Lesko, Jr.	3305	+ 84	95	+ 5	9
Stockyard	Dr. J. D. Howard	2131	+ 11	63	- 3	0
Thunderbird	Edmund Shinton	2820	-345	108	- 6	11
Trailblazer	Stuart O'Byrne	1884	-167	54	- 1	6
★Tri-Ridge	Hayward Gwaltney	2934	+ 48	79	+ 4	5
Council Total	Virgil Gunlock	51,521	+ 16	1693	+51	174

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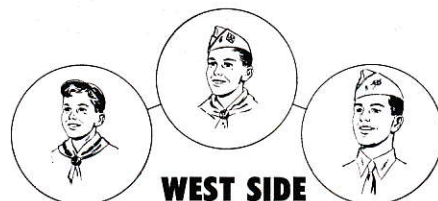
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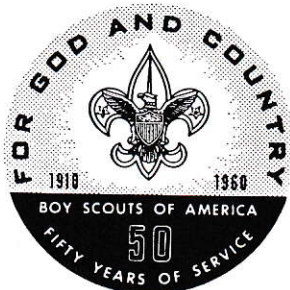
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Inner City Committee

ROBERT W. RENEKER, *Chairman*

The Inner City Project was initiated on January 1, 1959, following a broad study of the needs for Scouting in congested areas of our city where the Scout density was low.

One project director began work on January 1, the second on April 1, and the third on June 1. The areas served are known as the Cabrini Homes, ABLA (Abbott, Brooks, Loomis, Addams Homes) and the Woodlawn Area.

These men are attacking the problem by devoting their entire efforts to organizing units in these areas. Once the units become organized and get their programs under way they are to become a part of the regular district organization.

The work of our dedicated staff members and the equally dedicated laymen they recruited and inspired, resulted in a growth from the original 7 boys and 5 adults to 575 boys and 203 adults being served by 15 Troops, 13 Packs and 2 Explorer Posts on December 31, 1959.

In each of the areas served, the community and its leaders have overwhelmingly expressed interest and acceptance of the program.

Today, the boys of these exceptionally "hard to reach" areas are actively participating in regular Den and Troop Meetings where their lives are being enriched through Scouting ideals. The spirit of the Good Turn is permeating life in these areas as the boys learn the skills of Scouting and the values of being good Americans.

The Inner City Committee expresses its gratitude to the churches, civic groups and the Chicago Housing Authority for their willingness to assist in bringing Scouting into these areas of great need.

Special thanks is extended to the Weiboldt Foundation, the Robert R. McCormick Foundation and the Chicago Community Trust for making funds available to the Chicago Council for this very worthwhile program.

Advancement Committee

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program 37 Explorers continued to follow the advancement trail to Eagle Scout.

Two Eagle Ceremonials were held to present 174 Eagle awards, 3 Quartermaster Awards and 1 Air Explorer Silver

Activities Committee

RICHARD S. CLAIRE, *Chairman*

The 1959 Gang Show, the Pot Luck Dinner (held in 1960 but planned and "sold-out" in 1959); District activities of many kinds as suited to each particular District—and an intensive and active Boy Scout Week celebration full of worthwhile activities—were high spots of a year filled with interesting programs.

The Council Activities Committee continued its purpose of coordinating activities and special events which supplement unit programing and provide greater variety of Scouting experience.

The Activities Committee thanks the many Council and District scouters who helped in so many ways. It commends, also, those other Council committees which were responsible for such events as Eagle ceremonials, camporees, first aid contests, and skill programs all of which enriched the Chicago Council schedule of activity.



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The Advancement committee presented a "Certificate for Heroism" to Explorer Scout Gerald Vovis of Post 2259 and a "Certificate of Merit" to Scout Robert Mutnansky of Troop 684. Both Certificates were awarded by the National Court of Honor.

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Finance Committee

BRYAN S. REID, JR., *Chairman*

1959 has again been a year of Scouting growth and achievement in the Chicago Council. Our splendid corps of volunteers teamed up with a hard working staff, deserves the credit for our success.

With careful planning and severe adjustments in our minimum budget we were able to effect saving of \$40,760. This enabled us to keep within our planned operations and end the year with a very nominal deficit of \$1,777.95.

Our gratitude is expressed at this time to the thousands of individual contributors to the operating campaign and to those loyal workers who helped achieve its successful outcome, and to the following chests and Funds for their confidence and support: Blue Island Community Chest, Chicago Community Fund, Cicero Community Chest, Evergreen Park Community Chest, Oaklawn Community Chest, Palos Township Community Chest, United Fund of Worth, who have helped provide funds for our operation.

Special recognition and thanks are due the following campaign leaders and those who worked with them:

Paul Guenzel, Council Treasurer; Spencer Moseley, 1959 Campaign Chairman; Philip Rector, Vice Chairman; Robert S. Russell, General Business and Industry Chairman; Fred Kohler, Districts' Chairman; Charles A. Bane, Special Gifts Chairman and Mrs. Warner G. Baird, Jr., Women's Division Chairman.

1959 Financial Statement

Income

Contributions from	
42,820 Contributors.....	\$480,323.58
Endowment Fund Income.....	72,658.98
Allocation, Community Fund.....	103,131.00
Income from Short Term	
Investments	3,163.92
Total Operating Income.....	\$659,277.48

Expense

Administration	\$195,893.63
Relationships & Finance.....	42,475.48
Records	44,384.49
Field Service.....	274,307.94
Training	35,095.87
Camping and Activities.....	68,898.02
Total Operating Expenses.....	\$661,055.43

1959 Operating Deficit.....\$ 1,777.95
The \$1,777.95 deficit has been met through borrowed funds.

All expenses are reviewed monthly by the Chicago Council Executive Board. Accounts are audited annually by C. F. Eigelsbach, C.P.A.